The regular meeting of the Colby Common Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M. via Zoom by Mayor James Schmidt. On roll call: Sazama, O’Brien, T Schmidt, Kolden, Hesgard, Hederer and Lindeman. Also present were Mayor James Schmidt, Deputy Clerk Jessie Polivka, DPW Harland Higley Jr, Dan Borchardt from MSA and Ross Pattermann from the Tribune Phonograph.

**Agenda** was posted by the clerk. The agenda will stand as the order of the meeting.

**Minutes** of the August 3rd meeting were pre-read and reviewed. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Kolden to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Financial Statement and Bills** were discussed. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Hesgard to approve the financial statement and bills. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund $311,653.17; Water Department $25,375.72; Sewer Department $35,690.56; Net payroll $22,661.55. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Comments from the Public**: None.

**Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission** met on August 9th.

The commission approved minutes and expenditures.

Purchase Interview Room Cameras: Chief Bauer said it is required to have a video recording system for interviews. The current system is 11 years old and is operated by several toggle switches. There are problems with the microphones and the short length of recording time. The current system is cumbersome to use. Chief Bauer introduced a proposal from WatchGuard Video (who is also the vendor for the video cameras in the squad cars) to install video cameras in the two interview rooms at a cost of $10,390. He said there is funding available for the purchase in the health insurance line item, which would be adjusted via budget reconciliation at the end of 2021. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Hesgard to approve the purchase of video cameras for the two interview rooms at the quoted price of $10,390. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Chief's Report: Chief Bauer said he has been in contact with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation regarding the intersection of Hodd Drive and STH 13 to seek ways to improve safety at that location, which was the site of a recent fatal motorcycle accident. He reported on a recent fatal accident at a local tire repair shop. He said the last weekend was busy for the CAPD, assisting with domestic situations in Dorchester and Owen. He noted cases would likely increase due to additional residents in the new apartments in Curtiss. He said there had been no official response from the Dorchester Village Board regarding CAPD police coverage there. He said the Clark County Sheriff's Department is negotiating with Dorchester and Curtiss about designating a police officer for those municipalities. He said the 2020 Dodge squad car had a head gasket problem which would not be covered under warranty. He said new CAPD officer Christian Lemay started the last week of July, noting that his police experience shows in a positive way. There were seven K-9 activities reported for the month of July, resulting in six arrests. There were 745 total CAPD activities reported for the month of July, for a cumulative total of 5,743, compared to 6,408 activities for the first seven months of 2020.

The remainder of the meeting was held in closed session for contract negotiations.

**Parks/Rec/Recycling Committee** met on August 17th.

DPW Higley reviewed the pricing on some items that they had discussed before for the 2022 budget. The cost came in as follows for a total of $7,850:

Wood Chips $3,500

3 Trees @ $150 $450

50 tons of Quick Pitch $2,500

Spray Parks $1,400

The committee also discussed budgeting some money for developing plans for a shelter in the N 1st Street Park. An amount of $5,000 was discussed at the previous meeting. Hederer questioned why the committee was budgeting $5,000 towards a new shelter when he had talked to members of the Lions Club and they stated they are no longer interested in donating money towards a new shelter in the N 1st Street Park. Schmidt stated the Lions are invited to the next Parks and Rec meeting on September 29th and the topic will be discussed. The committee also wanted to get more information on the leases with the railroad for this park. The Parks budget for 2022 will be discussed at the upcoming finance meeting.

**Public Works Committee** met on August 17th.

Sidewalk at the Library: DPW Higley reported that the sidewalk around the library started chipping after it was constructed. The contractor tried to seal it and that did not work. SD Ellenbecker was the contractor that did the work and they are not responding and fixing the issue. There are still two spots that need to be repaired. DPW Higley has tried to contact SD Ellenbecker numerous times and they are not responding. DPW Higley would like Switlick and Sons to come and fix the sidewalk and pay Switlick and bill SD Ellenbecker for the cost of the replacement of the bad sidewalk. If they don’t pay the bill, he is recommending that the city remove them from any future bidding.

Plans for Community Drive: DPW Higley and Engineer Voss reviewed the plans with the committee for the construction of Community Drive from Hornet Drive to Kwik Trip. The estimated cost of the project is $758,000.

Plans for North Second Street: DPW Higley recommended that the 3” asphalt be changed to 4” asphalt for the project. The city sent a letter asking residents with trees located right on the right-of-way to contact the city about removal of these trees. Storm sewer options were discussed and will be looked at further. The estimated cost for N 2nd Street is $1,908,000. Dan Borchardt from MSA discussed storm sewer options. The storm sewer could be run down North Street or run back up North 2nd Street and be run down the current road to the rural arts museum. MSA recommended running the storm sewer down North Street. There are two options for installing the storm sewer along North Street: a partial reconstruction of North Street at the cost estimate of $185,000 or doing a complete reconstruction of the street at the cost estimate of $307,000. Cost estimates of engineering for those two options: Partial reconstruction, $15,200 or for a full reconstruction, $18,100. The topic will be discussed at the next Public Works meeting.

**Central Fire & EMS District** met on August 19th.

Schmidt and O’Brien reported on the meeting.

**Mayor Schmidt:** Mayor Schmidt reported on the meeting of the Clark County Economic Development Meeting.

**Harland Higley:** The following building permits were issued: Harry Untiedt, 206 Lieders St, Replacing Existing Patio; Jolene Koch, 601 E Terrace St, 10’ x 10’ stand alone shed; Duane Underwood/Mark & Amy Heinz, 601 B W Washington St, Re-roof; Cynthia Kallstrom, 312 N 7th St, Install new metal roof and gutters; Melissa & Arthur Jensen, 207 E Clark St, Replace roof on house; Diane Early, 300 W Adams St, Siding and windows, remove ramp; Charolette Smith, 503 W Washington St, Outside work – re-roof due to storm damage; Dale Raatz, 205 S 6th St, Bathroom remodel.

DPW Higley reported on the sewer plant and the precipitation levels for August. Higley also reported on the air conditioning replacement for city hall.

**Operator’s Licenses:** The City received two operator’s licenses: 1. Francisco Eloy Balderrama Hernandez, 143 S 2nd St, Dorchester WI. 2. Jayden Lee Hippee, 104 W Linden St, #137, Abbotsford WI. Motion was made by Kolden, seconded by Schmidt to approve the licenses. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Picnic License – Colby Lions Club Bingo Nights – 10/12/21, 11/9/21, 1/11/22, 2/8/22**: Motion was made by Hesgard, seconded by Schmidt to approve the picnic license for the Colby Lions Club, 103 W Adams St on the above dates. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Resolution 8-2021 Resolution of Appreciation for Lony Oestreich:** Motion was made by Hesgard, seconded by Hederer to approve Resolution 8-2021 as follows. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Resolution of Appreciation #8-2021

WHEREAS, Lony Oestreich has served the City of Colby with dignity, integrity, interest and genuine dedication as Alderperson; and,

WHEREAS, Lony Oestreich has generously given of his time and energy and has served with distinction on many committees of the city; and,

WHEREAS, Lony Oestreich’s efforts have been a benefit to the growth and progress of this community, including extensive improvements to the parks, public facilities and streets of the city,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Colby Common Council desire to recognize his dedication to public service during his tenure.

Adopted this 7th day September of 2021.

James W Schmidt, Mayor

Jessie Polivka, Deputy Clerk

**Ordinance 1-2021 – Adopting a revision and codification of the ordinances of the City of Colby**: Motion was made by Hesgard, seconded by Hederer to adopt a revision and codification of the ordinances of the City of Colby. Ayes-Sazama, Lindeman, Schmidt, O’Brien, Kolden, Hesgard, Hederer. Noes-none. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

**Appointment of Alderperson for Ward III:** There is still a vacancy in Ward III for alderman. There was one person interested in the vacancy but they changed their mind and are no longer interested in serving.

**Possible Plat of City Owned Property on Community Drive:** Dan Borchardt from MSA explained possible plat options for the city owned property on Community Drive. MSA’s recommendation was to not subdivide the land at this time into smaller parcels but to instead plot the land into larger parcels. The cost of subdividing can get pricey whereas plotting the land into four parcels or less is significantly cheaper. This topic will be on the next Public Works Committee meeting.

**Committee meetings for September:**  Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on September 13, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. at the Police Department. Central Fire & EMS will meet on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at Station 2. Parks/Rec/Recycling Committee will meet on September 29, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. Public Works Committee will meet on September 29, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. or immediately following the Parks Meeting. Finance Committee will meet on October 5th at 6:00 P.M. with the October council meeting to immediately follow the finance meeting.

**Adjourn:**  Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by O’Brien to adjourn at 7:48 P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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 James W Schmidt, Mayor

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 Jessie Polivka, Deputy Clerk